

### **REMARKS**

The Official Action mailed September 20, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 29, 2003; September 12, 2005; and January 15, 2006. A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

The Applicant respectfully requests correction of a typographical error on the Examiner's Form PTO-892, which was attached to the Official Action mailed September 20, 2006 (Paper No. 090611). Specifically, on Form PTO-892, Reference N, the Examiner has listed "WO 099723806 A1". However, the reference attached to the Official Action is identified as follows: "WO97/23806" (see the entry in the Image File Wrapper as follows: "09-20-2006 / Foreign Reference / PROSECUTION / 1") and "WO97/23806 A1" is cited in the Official Action. Therefore, it appears that the Examiner made an inadvertent typographical error on Form PTO-892. In order to prevent an error from appearing on the face of any patent resulting from the present application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner correct Form PTO-892 by changing "WO 099723806 A1" to --WO97/23806 A1--.

Also, it is noted that the Examiner only provided page 1 of the WO '806 reference. The Applicant respectfully requests that a complete copy of WO '806 be made of record and provided to the Applicant in a future communication.

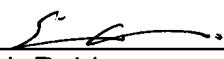
Claims 28-71 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of the allowability of dependent claims 67-71 (page 14, Paper No. 090611). The Official Action rejects claims 28-66 as obvious based on the combination of U.S. Patent Application

Publication No. 2004/0106237 to Yamazaki and WO 97/23806 to Higashi. In response and in accordance with the statement of allowed subject matter (ld.), independent claims 28, 35, 43, 52 and 59 have been amended to include the allowable features of dependent claims 67-71, respectively. Therefore, independent claims 28, 35, 43, 52 and 59, as amended, recite allowable subject matter, and the above-referenced rejections are believed to be moot. Accordingly, claims 28-66 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 28, 35, 43, 52 and 59 are independent, and all of which are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Official Action objects to claims 31-33, 39-41, 55-57 and 63-65 and suggests that "the laser" should be changed to "the laser light." However, these corrections were already made in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed June 2, 2006 (page 2, Paper No. 050623). Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are in order and respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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